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COPENHAGEN DUBLIN LUXEMBOURG PARIS ROME THE HAGUE EC BRUSSELS
OECD PARIS NATO BRUSSELS FEB 11; REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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SUBJECT: THATCHER NEW TORY LEADER

REF: LONDON 2059

1. MARGARET THATCHER TOPPED SECOND BALLOT WITH 146,
SEVEN MORE THAN 139 REQUIRED, AND BECOMES NEW TORY LEAD-
ER. WHITELAW VOTE WAS 79, HOWE AND PRIOR EACH 19, AND
PEYTON 11 WITH 2 ABSTENTIONS.

2. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT TORY MPS HAVE VOTED NOT ONLY FOR
A NEW LEADER BUT ALSO FOR NEW DIRECTION IN PARTY'S POLI-
TICS. WHITELAW, PRIOR AND HOWE, WHOSE VOTES TOTALED 117,
HAVE ALL BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HEATH INHERITORS, TOO TIMID
OR TOO POLITE TO CHALLENGE HEATH FROM THE BEGINNING,
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WHILE THATCHER SHOWED COURAGE, DEFTNESS, AND DETERMINA-

TION. SPIERS UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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